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| <b>Interview Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b>     | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |
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(2) Robert Webster. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 12 May 2006.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: proposed amended claims (attached).

Identification of prior art discussed: prior art of record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

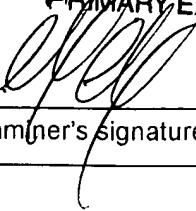
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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**GARY ESTREMSKY**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

  
Examiner's signature, if required

## Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

### **Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record**

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

### **Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)**

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

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The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,  

(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

### **Examiner to Check for Accuracy**

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The proposed amendments were discussed only briefly since they are not pending and not subject to entry as a matter of right since the Application is now after Final. However, the pending grounds of rejection and the prior art relied upon was discussed at length whereby features of the disclosed invention that are distinct from that of the reference were discussed. Specific claim language could not be agreed to during the interview but it was suggested that an amendment clearly defining the structure discussed would be considered for entry so as to expedite prosecution if possible; with the agreement that entry of such amendment would depend on new limitations clearly, patentably distinguishing from the prior art and not requiring additional search.

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Comments:

July 12, 2006 Matter No. 0465-1089P Serial No. 10/721,340

Proposed Amendment to the Claims for Discussion Purposes Only

1. (Canceled)

2. (Proposed to be Amended) A dryer latch for opening/closing a door of a dryer that includes a front panel having the door installed thereon, comprising:

a hook adapted to be provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a hanging portion is formed at both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body adapted to be provided to one side of the front panel having the door installed thereon wherein the hanging portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch body;

a pair of holders linearly slidable in the latch body to confront each other in the latch body to directly hold the hanging portion; and

a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively, wherein the latch body comprises:

a planar base part;

a first reception part having side wall portions protruding from the planar base part for and receiving the hanging portion; and

a pair of second reception parts provided adjacent to opposing side walls of the first reception part to hold at least partially contain and guide the holders and springs respectively, and

wherein a protrusion is formed located on one side of each of the holders to be held against sliding in the latch body by one of the side wall portions of the first reception part.

3. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein a pair of passing holes communicating with the second reception parts are formed at both of the side wall portions of the first reception part to let the holders pass through, respectively.

4. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein a recess is formed at one end of each of the second reception parts to support the corresponding spring.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hanging portion formed at both sides of one end of the hook has a triangular cross-section.

7. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 6, wherein confronting planes of the holders are inclined to correspond to the triangular cross-section of the hanging portion.

8. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein a surface of the hanging portion to be brought in contact with the holders is rounded.

9. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 8, wherein two confronting ends of the holders are rounded.

10. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2 4, wherein a hollow portion is provided at a rear side of each of the holders to have one end of the corresponding spring inserted therein.

11. (Proposed to be Amended) A door latch for opening/closing a door of a dryer that includes a front panel having the door installed thereon, comprising:

a hook adapted to be provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a hanging portion is formed extending from both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body adapted to be provided to one side of the front panel having the door installed thereon wherein the latch body comprises a planar base part and reception parts that protrudes from the planar base part, one reception part adapted to receive the hanging portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch body and other reception parts adapted to contain a pair of holders and a pair of springs;

a the pair of holders adapted to be provided to confront each other in the latch body to hold the hanging portion;  
a the pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively; and  
a latch cap attachable to the latch body to cover ~~first and second~~ the other reception parts of the latch body to prevent separation of the holders and the springs from the latch body.

12. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 11, wherein fixing protrusions protrude from a bottom of the latch cap to hold one ends of the springs, respectively.

13. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 11, wherein guide protrusions protrude from a bottom of the latch cap to guide movement of the holders, respectively.

14. (Previously Presented) A dryer door latch for opening/closing a door of a dryer that includes a front panel having the door installed thereon , comprising:

a hook provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a portion is formed at both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body provided to one side of the front panel having the door installed thereon wherein the portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch body;

a pair of holders provided to confront each other in the latch body to hold the hanging portion;

a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively;

a latch cap covering first and second reception parts to prevent separation of the holders and the springs; and

wherein coupling holes are formed at corners of the latch cap and wherein bolts are in the coupling holes, respectively, to fix the latch cap to the latch body.

15. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hook is built in one body of a fixing plate screw-coupled to one side of the door.

16. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein coupling holes are formed at both sides of the latch body and wherein bolts are in the coupling holes, respectively, to fix the latch body to the front panel.

17. (Previously Presented) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 2.

18. (Previously Presented) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 12.

19. (Previously Presented) The combination of a laundry dryer and he  
dryer latch of claim 14.